

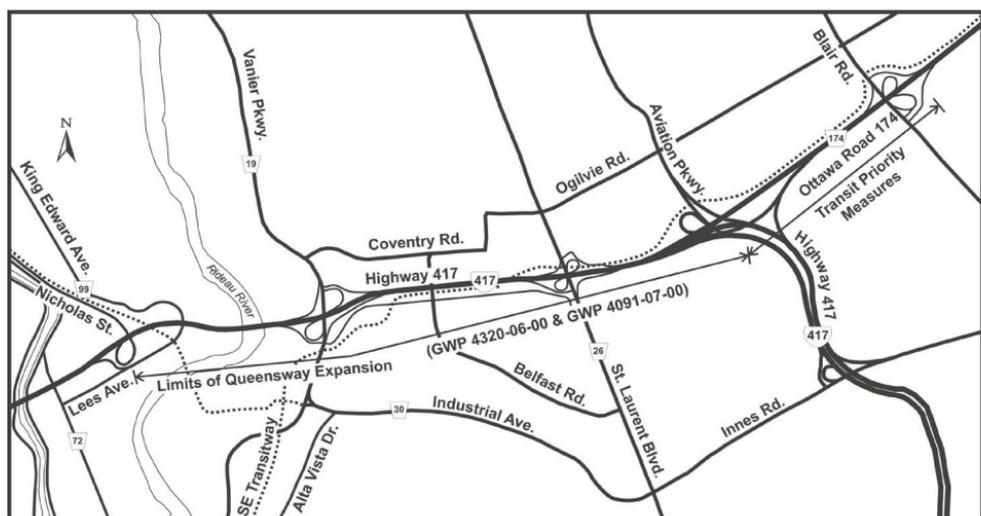
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Highway 417 Expansion, Operational Improvements and Infrastructure Rehabilitation from Nicholas Street to Ottawa Road 174 (G.W.P. 4091-07-00 & G.W.P. 4320-06-00) Detail Design

THE STUDY

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **McCormick Rankin**, a member of MMM Group Limited, to complete the Detail Design for the expansion of Highway 417 from Nicholas Street to Ottawa Road 174 (G.W.P. 4091-07-00 & G.W.P. 4320-06-00). The project involves the following components:

- Widening Highway 417 by one lane in each direction, including utility relocation, construction of related drainage works, roadside protection and retaining walls;
- Widening and rehabilitation of the Southeast Transitway, Central Transitway and St. Laurent Boulevard bridges;
- Widening and superstructure replacement of Hurdman's Bridge over the Rideau River;
- Removal and replacement of the Lees Avenue, Vanier Parkway and Belfast Road bridges using rapid replacement construction techniques, including preparation and reinstatement of construction staging areas;
- Realignment of the Ottawa Road 174 to St. Laurent Boulevard off-ramp, including a new concrete barrier to preclude the movement from Highway 417 westbound to St. Laurent Boulevard northbound;
- Conversion of the St. Laurent Boulevard northbound to Highway 417 eastbound on-ramp to 'Transit and Emergency Services use only';
- Improvements to illumination and signage;
- Replacement of noise barriers and relocation of utilities impacted by widening;
- Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS);
- Long-term closure of the south-east ramp at Lees Avenue;
- Short-term closure of the north-west ramp at Vanier Parkway;
- Temporary/night-time ramp closures;
- Temporary road closures to facilitate rapid replacements; and
- Transit Priority Measures between Nicholas Street and Blair Road.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A Public Information Centre (PIC) has been arranged to provide agencies, interest groups, business representatives and members of the general public with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed design, potential impacts and proposed mitigation. Members of the project team will be available at the PIC to discuss the project with you and answer any questions you may have.

The PIC is scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012
Location: Hampton Inn Ottawa Conference Centre
200 Coventry Road
Ottawa, ON K1K 4S3
Time: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Presentation at 6 p.m.

THE PROCESS

This project is being carried out in accordance with the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' undertakings under the MTO's *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout the project. The preliminary design was documented in a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) that received environmental clearance in 2008. Upon completion of the Detail Design, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared and filed for a 30-day public review period. A newspaper notice will be published at that time to explain the review process and identify the locations where the DCR can be reviewed.

COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing any comments that you may have regarding this study. If you are unable to attend the PIC and wish to obtain further information, or if you wish to provide comments, please contact either the Consultant Project Manager or the MTO Senior Project Engineer listed below. You can also visit the project website for more information at www.queenswayexpansioneast.com.

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA). With the exception of personal information, all comments will be part of the public record.

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